

CIA attacks on Mozambique revealed

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A respected British journal that has published articles attacking the present Mozambique government has been identified as linked to the CIA.

The Foreign Intelligence Report of the prestigious Economist has been one of the leading participants in what a recent Mozambique communique termed "a campaign that relies exclusively on false statements or on gross distortions of the truth."

The Report's editor, Robert Moss, is the author of "Chile's Marxist Experiment," which the Manchester Guardian revealed last month was commissioned by a CIA-funded company. (The book was used by the Chilean junta in its propa-

ganda operations, and is part of a series commissioned by Forum World Features, a CIA-funded news service.)

The Foreign Intelligence Report last year reported the wounding of a Mozambican cabinet minister at the Presidential Palace, and the evacuation of the whole government to Inhaca Island during the short-lived mutiny of several hundred soldiers in December 1975. These stories are labelled by on-the-spot observers as pure invention.

Other rumors that Mozambique says are part of the campaign were allegations last year that the country was suffering from revolts in the Cabo Delgado and Nampula provinces, and that it had called in 5000 Cuban soldiers disguised as

sugar-cane technicians.

Propaganda against the Mozambican government is also broadcast by the "Voice of Free Africa," located in Salisbury, Rhodesia. An article in the Tanzania Sunday News suggests that this radio operation might be linked to the CIA through the "Organization of Free Africa," which is headquartered in Switzerland.

Mozambique's communique reports a recent escalation of the smear campaign. It says the propaganda effort may be laying the groundwork for new moves to provoke a wider, conventional war in the area, providing a justification for attacks on Mozambique.

Rhodesian raids into Mozambican territory, as well as forays into Botswana, have brought both diplomatic responses and new military preparations on the part of the frontline states.

Mozambique predicts in the December communique that the attacks will increase, and it suggests that Rhodesia might send black mercenaries disguised as Mozambican soldiers to launch an open attack on South Africa through southern Mozambique.

Mozambique fears that a wider conflict resulting from this and other incidents might result in more active Western intervention on the side of the white regimes.

A similar scenario was proposed by Sean McBride, the UN Commissioner for Namibia. McBride said that Rhodesia's new air bases might be used for coordinated attacks on Angola and Mozambique.